Domestic and Overseas Disaster Response

Chapter 9

TLO/ELOs

- **TLO 9.0 Outline a course of action for a disaster and emergency response scenario**

- **ELO 9.1 Describe the relationship among the Dept of Homeland Security, FEMA and US NORTHCOM**
- **ELO 9.2 Identify actions taken during the advance planning phase of disaster response**
- **ELO 9.3 Recognize potential pitfalls when conducting disaster response**

This chapter discusses….

….actions a contracting officer should take when notified of an impending disaster; this includes but is not limited to earthquakes, hurricanes, tornadoes, floods, or other severe weather conditions. The chapter also provides guidance to assist contracting offices supporting the mi… before, during, and after… emergency situation

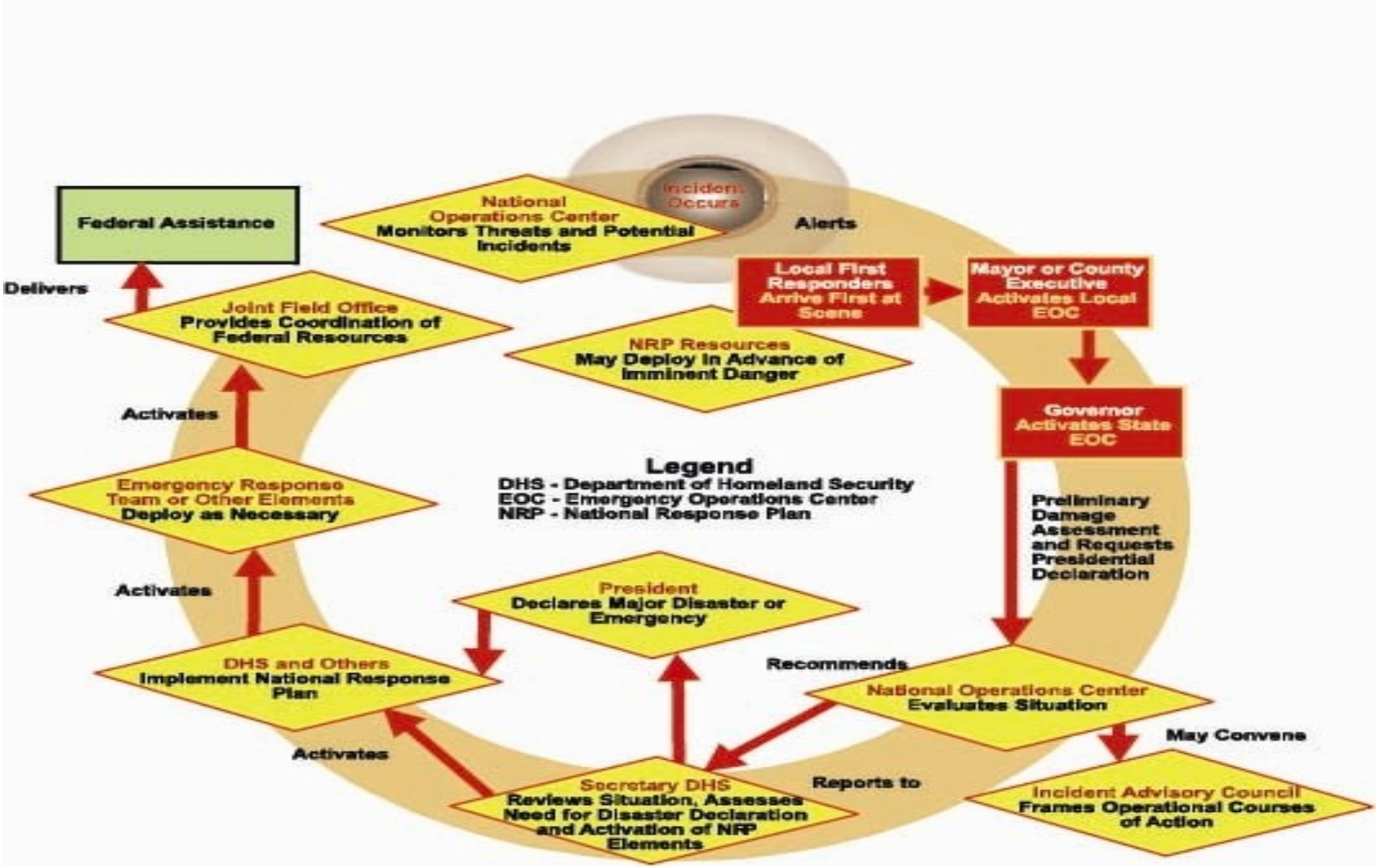
HOMELAND SECURITY OPERATIONS

- **FEMA, not DoD, is the lead federal agency responsible to coordinate contracting support for disaster relief operations.**

- DoD does not augment other federal agencies with contracting staff, but can support specific contracted related tasks as directed by the President or Secretary of Defense.

- Military forces operating in domestic support operations should keep contracted support (less systems support contracts) to the deployed force to a minimum in

Federal Response



Advance Planning for Emergencies

- **Review local contracting support plans** ***Contracting offices will develop a comprehensive local support plan (usually as an annex to the logistics chapter of your installation's plan) to ensure contingency contracting support for taskings under installation OPLANs***
- **Review After Action Reports**

Lessons Learned from Katrina

- No command & control
- CCO's from different agencies competing for limited resources
- No requirements
- Duplication of effort
- Poor contract writing for service contracts
- No contract oversight

More Advance Planning

- **Training tools (**JCC handbook, FAR part 18**)**
- **Deployment Kits are ready to go (**cellphones, satphones, computers, power generators, office supplies**)**
- **Offsite Location (**where do you set-up shop/ CCO office**)**
- **Buying Procedures (**avoid duplication and competition for limited materials with FEMA

ACTIONS IMMEDIATELY PRIOR TO AN EMERGENCY

- HCA notification and coordination
- Designate CCOs
- Standby procedures
- Evacuation procedures
- Secure the office
- Coordinate with finance
- Coordinate with major service and construction contractors
- Secure personal dwellings
- Equip your office for long-term support

On-Scene Operations

- **Activate Recall Procedures**
- **Assess Damage to the Contracting Office**
- **Organize the Contingency Staff**
- ***Initial set-up actions*** (set your procedures/SOP)
- **Initial Purchases (**debris removal, transport – check local mil sources first for organic support**)**
- **Rentals**
- **Leasing trailers and temporary buildings**
- **Other service requirements**
- **Commodities (** expect higher prices**)**
- **Construction (**expect limited sources and materials**)**

Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act,

- **(a) The Congress hereby finds and declares that –**

- **(1) because disasters often cause loss of life, human suffering, loss of income, and property loss and damage; and**

- **(2) because disasters often disrupt the normal functioning of governments and communities, and adversely affect individuals and families with great severity; special measures, designed to assist the efforts of the affected States in expediting the rendering of aid, assistance, and**

Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act

- (b) It is the intent of the Congress, by this Act, to provide an orderly and continuing means of assistance by the Federal Government to State and local governments in carrying out their responsibilities to alleviate the suffering and damage which result from such disasters by -
- (1) revising and broadening the scope of existing disaster relief programs;
- (2) encouraging the development of comprehensive disaster preparedness and assistance plans, programs, capabilities, and organizations by the States and by local governments;
- (3) achieving greater coordination and responsiveness of disaster preparedness and relief programs;
- (4) encouraging individuals, States, and local governments to protect themselves by obtaining insurance coverage to supplement or replace governmental assistance;
- (5) encouraging hazard mitigation measures to reduce losses from disasters, including development of land use and construction regulations; and

Defense Emergency Response Fund

- The funds in the DERF account will be used to support the efforts by the Department of Defense (DoD) to respond to, or protect
- against, acts or threatened acts of terrorism against the United States.
- These resources are included in a transfer account in order to provide DoD with the

POTENTIAL PITFALLS GENERAL CONTRACTING CONCERNS

- ***Sourcing*** **(**seek sources outside affected area…maybe neighboring state**)**
- ***Long Term Actions*** **(**IDIQ, BPAs, Req kts**)**
- ***Prolonged emergency use*** **(**FAR part 18**)**
- ***Contract Administration*** **(does not go away)**
- ***Service Contracts*** **(**need good SOWs, PWS, SOOs**)**
- ***Construction Contracts*** **(**letter contracts

Who is ARNORTH G7?

- **ARNORTH G7** was established to support the US Northern Command to plan, organize and execute homeland defense and civil support mission. They are responsible for providing training support and conducting military support to civil authorities (MSCA) operations in support of the lead federal agency and deploying joint forces during

Where to Look for Information and Traini

http://www.dsca.army.mil/
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